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DATE: February 6, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: ^{ASB} A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Palmer Candy Company -Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to Salmonella typhimurium; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The bagged products were shipped nationwide to convenience store and grocery store accounts. The Bulk products were shipped to IL, IN, IA, NE, MO, OK, KY, MN, NC, SD, WI, KS, CA to grocery stores and wholesale accounts. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Palmer Candy Company Announces A Nationwide Voluntary Recall of Peanut Clusters and Bridge Mix Because of Possible Health Risk*

Contact:
Palmer Candy Company
800-831-0828.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Sioux City, Iowa (February 5, 2009) -- Palmer Candy Company, is voluntarily recalling the following items because it has the potential to contain salmonella. **This recall applies only to the listed code dates.**

Peanut Clusters

Brand Name on Bag	UPC	Size	Best Before Code	Best Before Code	Best Before Code
Casey's General Store	98437-12001	7 oz	051609	051709	051909
Palmer Peg	77232-15104	7 oz	051709		
Best Choice (AWG)	70038-61930	7 oz	051909	061309	
Best Choice (AWG)	70038-59773	12 oz	051909	061009	
Shurfine	11161-19388	12 oz	052109		
Eagle Premium (Amcon)	42625-00952	7 oz	052109	060909	

Food Club	36800-07770	12 oz	061009		
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- Codes are printed on the back of each bag

Brand Name On Bulk Case	Item Code	Weight	Code Date Stamped On Case
Palmer Candy	77232-10704	22 lbs	All codes between B80401 to B81307
Shurfresh	11161-48682	22 lbs	All codes between B80401 to B81307
Sconza Candy	41668-82036	22 lbs	All codes between B80401 to B81307

Bridge Mix

Brand Name on Bag	UPC	Size	Best Before Code	Best Before Code	Best Before Code
Hy-Vee	75450-08232	12 oz	090409		
Casey's General Store	98437-12003	6.5 oz	090909	093009	
Eagle Premium (Amcon)	42625-00953	6.5 oz	090909		
Best Choice (AWG)	70038-61932	6.5 oz	091509	100709	
Best Choice (AWG)	70038-59774	12 oz	091509		
Spartan	11213-04217	4 oz	091709		
Hy-Vee	75450-08462	6.5 oz	092309		
Valu Time	11225-03360	5.5 oz	092309		
Shurfine - Western Family	15400-86470	7.5 oz	092909		

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Brand Name On Bulk Case	Item Code	Weight	Code Date Stamped On Case
Palmer Candy	77232-10753	30 lbs	All codes between B80801 to B81307
Shurfresh	11161-48685	30 lbs	All codes between B80801 to B81307

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Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

The Palmer Candy Company initiated the voluntary recall in response to a recall issued by Zachery Candy, a supplier of some of the Peanut Clusters and Bridge Mix for Palmer Candy Company. Zachery Candy has indicated that they are included in the expanded recall by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA's expanded recall now includes all peanuts and peanut-related products from PCA's Blakely, Georgia, plant from January 2007 to present. The FDA is investigating an outbreak of Salmonella targeted at PCA's Blakely plant.

Palmer Candy has not received any consumer illness complaints associated with its products. However, it is taking precautionary steps, including removing the impacted products from retail store shelves and the entire distribution system.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products should return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund. Consumers with additional questions may call 800-831-0828.

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